

How Much Does A Farmer Get Paid?

Payment is calculated by the higher of the per bushel price set by the Illinois Farm Bureau (www.ilfb.org) or the Commodity Credit Corporation through the Farm Service Agency which is a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (www.usda.gov) at the time of entering into the contract with the County. An example would be:

1000 feet of 16 rows of corn (30 inch row spacing) = ~ 1 acres in total area.

At \$5.00 per bushel and an average yield of 175 bu./acre, one acre of corn would be worth \$875*.

A 10% premium (or in this case 50 cents per bushel) as an incentive for the farmer would be added.

Grand Total per acre: \$962.50*.

If desired, corn may be handpicked in the fall. After March 15, the farmer is allowed to harvest any remaining corn for themselves which could yield an additional 50 to 60 bushels.

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MCHENRY COUNTY LIVING SNOW FENCE PROGRAM



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Living Snow Fence Program

Illinois winters can be brutal. On the average, McHenry County receives about 34 inches of snow per year. During the winter of 2009-2010, McHenry County received 42.9 inches of snow. In 2010-2011, we received 48 inches.

Combined with wind and open spaces, travel can become seriously hindered and often dangerous. The response to blowing and drifting snow is to try to stop it by installing snow fences. The effect of snow fences can be lifesaving in some circumstances. The obvious effect can be seen by the piles of snow accumulating behind the snow fence instead of on the roadway.

In an effort to reduce the costs of installing snow fence along McHenry County highways, the McHenry County Division of Transportation (McDOT) has initiated a program to annually purchase standing corn rows from area farmers to serve as snow fences adjacent to sections of highway that have a history of blowing and drifting snow.

Corn needs to be planted parallel to the road to serve as a fence. A typical corn row snow fence is 1000 feet long and 16 rows wide covering an average of 1 acre. The fence is set about 140 feet from the road.



Living Snow Fences Benefit Everyone!

- * McHenry County pays farmers per bushel for crops left standing.
- * Saves staff time to install and maintain wooden or plastic snow fence.
- * Requires less snow removal on roads during snow events. Crews will not need to “chase drifts” as often.
- * Allows farmers to harvest and sell remaining crops.
- * Crops may be handpicked in the fall or harvested after winter season providing extra income for the farmer.
- * Enables farmers to plow their field earlier if weather permits.
- * Most importantly, living snow fences help provide a safe roadway for the motoring public!

For more information or to join the McDOT Living Snow Fence Program, please contact Ed Markison at 815-334-4973 or ECMarkison@co.mchenry.il.us